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Sir:

Attached is the English version of the International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER).

Please note on its 3rd page that novelty and inventive step are "yes", as is industrial applicability, for all claims which are the same claims as filed herein.

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